opening of new colleges in view of the ordinance issued in regard to opening of medical and dental colleges; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) There is a Scheme presently under formulation, as provided in the Ordinances, which would contain certain guidelines for persons/Societies intending to set up medical/dental colleges.

Oral contraceptives IUDS causing adverse effect on the Family Planning Programme

1432. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that oral contraceptives and IUDS have adversely affected the Family Planning Programme; and

(b) if so, what is the achievement in Family Planning during the last five years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) As a result of the various steps taken under the National Family Welfare Programme, the birth rate has been brought down from 32.6 in 1986 to 30.2 per thousand during 1990.

Deaths of patients in Safdarjung Hospital

1433. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to a press report published in "The Hindu" dated the 23rd September, 1992 to the effect that eight patients admitted in the family surgical wards in Safdarjung Hospital had serious reaction following the administration of out-dated drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the mathods to monitor and examine the stores of the hospital so that spurious or out-dated drugs are not stocked ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Eight patients admitted in the female surgical ward of Safdarjung Hospital developed some adverse reactions. However, this was controlled by timely medical attention and seven patients were discharged after recovery. One patient expired due to intestinal obstruction and not due to administration of IV Fluids.

(c) The methods of monitoring includes the testing of the drugs/medicines by the Government approved agencies, maintenance of bin-cards and inspection of the stores by the Hospital authorities.

Deaths due to Cholera in and around Bhopal (M.P.)

1434. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there was cholera epidemic in and around Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh during August, 1992 resulting in a number of deaths particularly of children;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any inquiry into the causes of the epidemic and lapses on the part of authorities;

(c) if so, what are the details of the results thereof; and

(d) what action Government have taken or steps recommended to the State Government to prevent the recurrence of such epidemics in Bhopal and adjoining areas in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A team of experts from National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Delhi was sent to Bhopal on 19th to 22nd August; 1992 to investigate the reported outbreak of cholera/gastroenteritis. According to the team, dislocation of sanitary system due to heavy rains was the main cause of the outbreak. The team recommended certain short-term and long-term measures to the State Health Authorities for the control and prevention of outbreak of cholera/gastroenteritis in the affected area. The State Government was suitably advised to take necessary steps in the light of recommendations of the expert team. The State Government had since reported that the situation was under control in Bhopal.

Attending of patients at their residences by Doctors

1435. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that doctors of the Central Government Health Scheme and Delhi Municipal Corporation attend patients at their residence in case of an emergency;

(b) whether doctors of New Delhi Municipal Committee do not attend patients at their residence in case of emergency;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard to provide emergency services to patients at their door steps ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) The doctors posted in CGHS dispensaries pay domiciliary visits at the residence of the patients as and when called by the patients during emergency. The doctors of Municipal Corporation of Delhi do not pay visits at the residence of the patients.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The reasons are as follows :—

(i) The doctors of NDMC are not supposed to leave their dispensaries during office hours.

(ii) No conveyance allowance is paid to them for visits to the patient's residence.

(iii) The beneficiaries of NDMC are the General Public and NDMC employees only.

(d) Round-the-clock emergency services are available in all major Government and Delhi Administration hospitals which are being availed of by the General Public according to proximity to their residence. Ambulance and Police Vans are also used to rush accident victims to the Hospitals.

Subsidies/Tax Exemptions to the Hospitals in Private Sector

1436. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been giving subsidies, tax exemptions etc. besides grants to the hospitals in private sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the details of the conditions on which grants and subsidies etc. are given by the Government to the hospitals in private sector;

(c) whether there is any monitoring system to know how far the private sector hospitals have been fulfilling the conditions on the basis of which subsidies and grants have been given by the Government;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if answer to (c) be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor ?